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1. (Internal Use Only - PJC) I spoke with Mr. Jim Hyde in the Bureau of the Budget (Code 113, x 437) concerning responses which BOB has received on S. Con. Res. 42 which would provide for a Joint Committee on National Security Affairs.

Mr. Hyde informed me that quite a few departments had responded and to a one, their comments had followed these lines:

(1) How Congress chooses to organize itself is the prerogative of the Congress;

(2) The department currently has relations with (cited) committees and this has proven most satisfactory.

Mr. Hyde felt an Agency reply along those lines would be appropriate, and advised me that he would forward us copies of the comments on S. Con. Res. 42 received by the BOB to date.

2. (Internal Use Only - PJC) I spoke with Mr. Spencer Platt from BOB, regarding H.R. 4156. He acknowledged receipt of our report which went to BOB on 6 May. Mr. Platt advised me that his office intended to withhold its reply until all interested agencies and departments had conveyed their views to BOB, since there had been a marked divergence of views received thus far.

3. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Jack Leahy, State Department Congressional Relations, concerning State's position with respect to S. Con Res. 42. Leahy said the Bureau of the Budget had cleared and State had forwarded to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a report indicating the Department's general satisfaction with the existing Committee structure but indicating that in the final analysis the matter of Committee structure and jurisdiction was a question for determination by the Congress.

4. (Internal Use Only - GLC) The Director and a group of Agency officials hosted a breakfast meeting with members of the SOS Club. The eleven members who attended appeared to enjoy the meeting and expressed their thanks for an informative session.

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